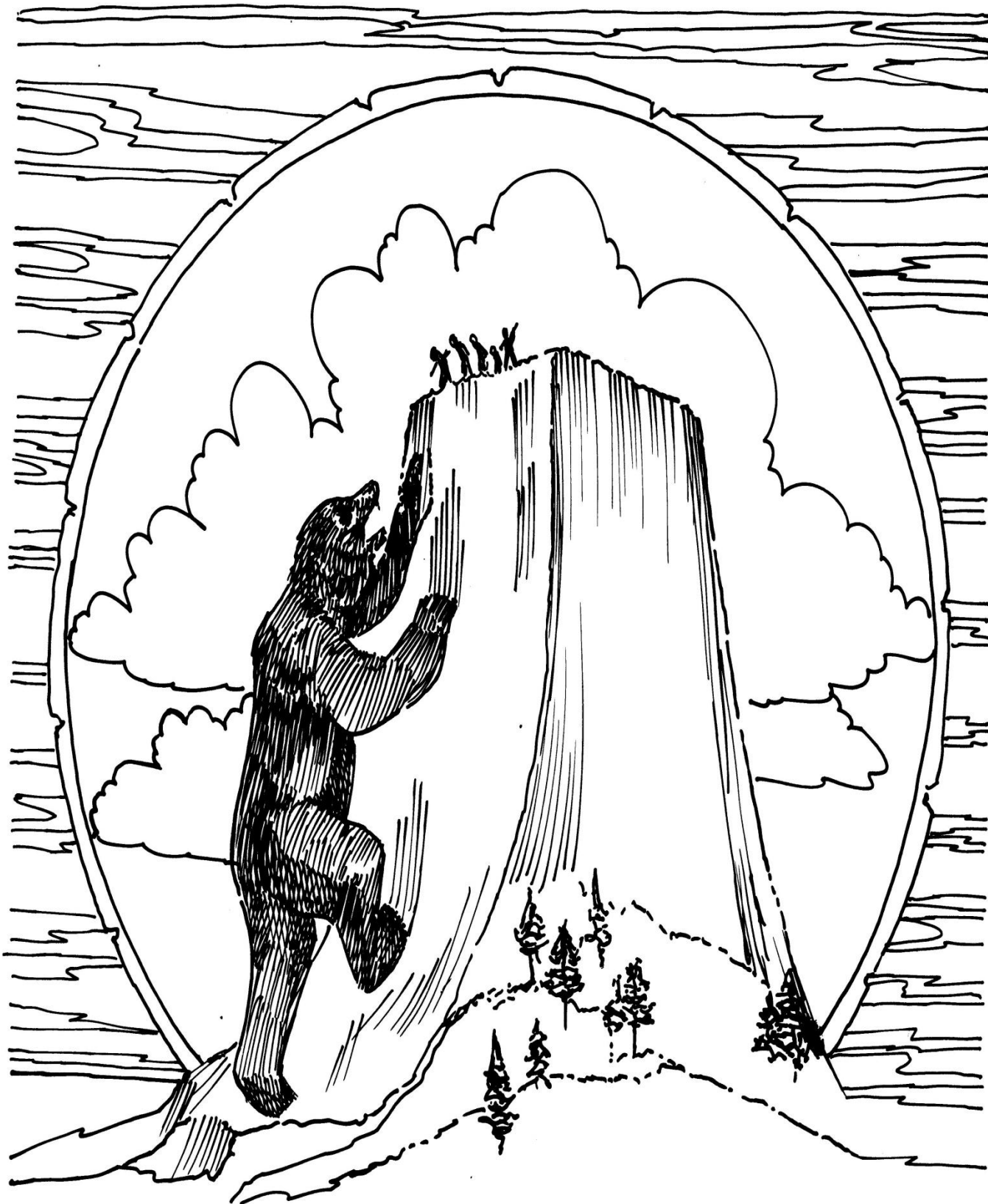




## K-4 DISCOVER Kiowa Legend





Throughout time, there have been over 27 tribes associated with the Tower. As the original story was passed on to other families and tribes, many versions of the legend were developed. Used as a way to explain to the mystery of the tower and also lessons that may have been learned from the encounter with the bear, people have included star knowledge and ceremony into the story. The Kiowa legend is one of many.

The legend of the Kiowa people speaks of seven sisters and one brother. One day they were all playing together when the brother began to change. He grew claws and turned into a great bear and began to chase the sisters.

The sisters jumped onto a tree stump. The tree rose into the air, far from the reach of the bear. The bear leaped and leaped at the stump, clawing it with each lunge.

The sisters were swept up into the heavens and are now the stars of the Big Dipper.

The Big Dipper is seen above the Tower during the winter months, and is also known as the "Big Bear".